

## Math 9 – Unit 2: Algebra One

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## Lesson 2.4: More Distributive Property and Powers of Monomials

**Learning Goal:** We are learning to expand and simplify more complicated expressions.

Let's start off by continuing our lesson on the Distributive Property. Take a look at the following questions:

**Expand AND simplify (put your answers in descending order):**

a)  $3x(4x^2 - 7x + 2) + 4x^2(2x - 3)$

$$= \underline{12x^3} - \underline{21x^2} + 6x + \underline{8x^3} - \underline{12x^2}$$

$$= 20x^3 - 33x^2 + 6x$$

b)  $-4y^2(3y^2 - 5) - 5y^3(6 + y)$

$$= \underline{-12y^4} + 20y^2 - 30y^3 - \underline{5y^4}$$

$$= -17y^4 - 30y^3 + 20y^2$$

c)  $3m^2(2m - 7n) - 5m^2(4n + 8) + 6n^2(3m - n)$

$$= \underline{6m^3} - \underline{21mn^2} - \underline{20m^2n} - 40m^2 + \underline{18mn^2} - \underline{6n^3}$$

$$= -14m^2n - 3mn^2 - 40m^2 - 6n^3$$

Now we are going to go back to discussing monomials. How do we simplify  $(3x^2y^5)^3$ ? This is called a monomial raised to a power. How does the outside exponent affect the question? First, how does it work with just a number?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Simplify } (4^3)^2 &= 4^3 \times 4^3 \\ &= 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \\ &= 4^6\end{aligned}$$

The initial exponents were 3 and 2, with the final exponent a 6. So,  $3 \times 2 = 6$ ! This leads to our second exponent law. When raising a power to a power, multiply the exponents. Try it out!

$$\begin{aligned}\text{a) } (x^4)^5 \\ = x^{20}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{b) } (y^2)^8 \\ = y^{16}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{c) } (m^3n^6)^4 \\ = m^{12}n^{24}\end{aligned}$$

That's all well and good (hopefully), but how do you handle a question with a coefficient?

Consider the expression from before,  $(3x^2y^5)^3$ . Expand it without using the laws.

$$\begin{aligned}(3x^2y^5) \times (3x^2y^5) \times (3x^2y^5) \\ = 27x^6y^{15}\end{aligned}$$

The coefficient was just raised to the power of 3! Awesome. Try out some more, this time following the laws.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{a) } (2x^4y^2)^3 \\ = 32x^{20}y^{10}\end{aligned}$$

①  $(-3)^2$   
② Exponent law

$$\begin{aligned}\text{b) } ((-3)m^7n)^2 \\ = 9m^{14}n^2\end{aligned}$$

2  $\square$  5 = 32

$$\begin{aligned}\text{c) } (5a^2b^3c^4d^5)^6 \\ = 15625a^{12}b^{18}c^{24}d^{30}\end{aligned}$$

Squares are always pos. tip.

① outside exponents.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{d) } & (3x^2y^5)^2 (2xy^3) \\
 &= (9x^4y^{10})(2xy^3) \\
 &= 18x^5y^{13}
 \end{aligned}$$

↑  
multiply

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{e) } & (-4m^3n^2)^3 (3m^4n^3)^2 \\
 &= (-64m^9n^6)(9m^8n^6) \\
 &= -576m^{17}n^{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

$(-4)^3 = (-4) \times (-4) \times (-4)$   
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$$\text{f) } (16x^2y^3z^6)^0 = 1$$

$$\text{g) } (3x^2 + 5x - 12)^0 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{h) } & \left[ (4x^2y^5)^2 (5x^3y)^3 \right]^2 \\
 &= \left[ (16x^4y^{10})(125x^9y^3) \right]^2 \\
 &= (2000x^{13}y^{13})^2 \\
 &= 4000000x^{26}y^{26}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Success Criteria:**

- I can use the distributive property to multiply a polynomial with a monomial
- I can use the distributive property to combine multiple variables into a single term
- I can simplify a monomial raised to a power by multiplying the exponents of each variable
- I can recognize that when a coefficient is raised to a power, it is NOT NOT NOT multiplied
- I can understand that raising to the power of zero equals one.